

STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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July 14, 2008

TO:

Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION:

Natural Resources Commission

Transaction:

State Forest Land Acquisition

Atlanta Management Unit - Montmorency County

The Broken Blade Tract

Land Transaction Case #20070230

Purchase Price:

63.6 acres - \$127,000.00

Description:

Montmorency County, Briley Township, T31N, R02E,

the S ½ of the NW ¼ of the fractional Section 7, EXCEPT for the west 21.16 acres which is more particularly described as beginning at the West ¼ corner of said fractional Section 7; thence N 00° 02' 11" W 1,313.25 feet along the West line of said Section to the North E. & W. 1/8 line of said Section; thence N 88° 23' 14" E 701.41 feet along said 1/8 line; thence S 00° 03' 17" E 1,314.77 feet to the E. & W ¼ line of said Section; thence S 88° 30' 44" W 701.72 feet along said ¼ line to the Point of Beginning.

Sellers:

Mr. and Mrs. Aleck L. Gunther II, Hillman, Michigan

Option Expires:

August 19, 2008

Property Taxes:

\$3,452.00 for 2007 tax year, estimated

Authority:

Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

Notice:

This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources' (Department)

August 4, 2008 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on August 11, 2008.

Comments:

The offered private parcel is located in northwest Montmorency County,

approximately six miles northwest of the Village of Hillman.

The offered 63.6-acre forest recreation parcel is bordered by State-owned land on three sides. The fourth side is bordered by a privately-owned parcel, which was recently sold to a private party. Access to this landlocked parcel is gained by traveling approximately one-half mile over State Forest two-track roads. The parcel has a gently-rolling topography with coniferous woodlands occupying the western two-thirds of the property and a lowland area occupying the remainder.

Acquisition of this private in-holding will consolidate ownership, eliminate ³/₄ of a mile of private boundary, increase public recreational opportunities, and secure critical habitat for elk and other wildlife.

The purchase will include all mineral rights owned by the seller.

Recommendation:

That this tract be approved for purchase with payment to be made from the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund, under authority of Part 21, Act 451 of 1994, as amended.

David E. Freed, Chief Land and Facilities

Douglas A. Reeves, Acting Chief Wildlife

Lynne M. Boyd, Chief Forest, Mineral and Fire Management

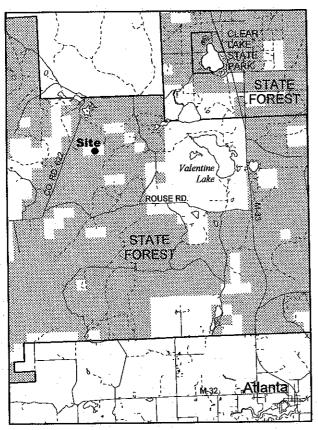
Arminda S. Koch Resource Management Deputy

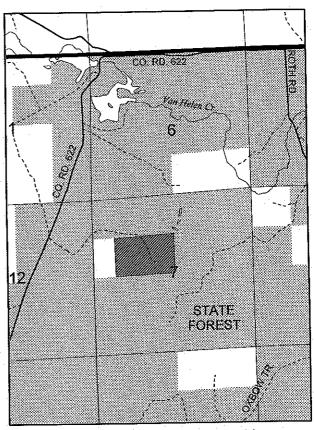
I approve the staff recommendation.

Rebecca A. Humphries Director

Date Approved

STATE FOREST LAND ACQUISITION Atlanta Management Unit - Montmorency County Land Transaction Case #20070230





Regional Location

Section 7, T31N, R02E, Briley Township

- State Forest Boundary

Land Offered to DNR (63.60 acres - \$127,000.00)

State Land

Private Land





